GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:397
ANSWERED ON:29.03.2017
Donation to Sri Lanka
Chinnaraj Shri Gopalakrishnan

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has decided to donate eight water bowsers and 100 metric tonnes of rice to Sri Lanka and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons/purpose of such donation?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 397 REGARDING "DONATION TO SRI LANKA" FOR ANSWER ON 29.03.2017.

(a) & (b) In response to a request from the Government of Sri Lanka for drought relief assistance, Government of India has announced the decision to provide 8 water bowsers and 100 metric tonnes of rice to Sri Lanka. The supply of these items is in the nature of emergency assistance to augment relief measures undertaken in the wake of severe drought faced by Sri Lanka. The lorry-mounted water bowsers were handed over to the Government of Sri Lanka on 21 March 2017. The procurement of 100 metric tonnes of rice is currently under process and the delivery of the consignment is expected in the coming weeks.

India has always been among the first to respond to requests from the the neighbouring countries in times of crisis. The current gifting of the water bowsers and rice is part of that policy.
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